

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2859
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62420

Takayuki KURATA

Appln. No.: 09/810,603

Group Art Unit: 2859

Confirmation No.: 8802

Examiner: Lydia M. DeJesus

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For: TIRE WEAR FORECASTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A tire tread wear forecasting method comprising:

causing a tire to come into contact with, and to be run on, a road surface,

measuring an increase in temperature of a tread surface part of the tire or a temperature of

a tread surface part after increasing the temperature of the tread surface part, and

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